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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 05/13/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

1. In response to the Applicant's argument, on pages 7-12. The Examiner strong disagree, Muller clearly discloses distributing a global clock in Fig. 2, the common time reference 20 with the RT clock 4 and common time reference 20, to a first master device (Fig. 1, item 2) from the plurality of master devices from the plurality of master devices (Fig. 1 item 4, 2, and 10). The claimed limitations "first master device operates according to a local clock that is independent of said global clock" as the same feature of RT clock A is a master clock of BT device of a Master device in Fig. 1 to control the real-time stamp or local network and maintains synchronize between the Real Time clock between global device and local device or master or local networks (see par [30, 38]); the fundamentally, Muller clearly discloses how the master clock or global clock and local clock offset their between with clock provides a synchronous time references (see par [49-51]). In combined, Taylor further supported with the same feature as the claim recited such a global time reference when it includes its local time reference in a packet or signal that it broadcasts to the other device in specifically used global time

reference 306 and local time references at the time when the frame synchronization is maintained among a plurality of network devices having local clocks that participate in a network. It also compared to the time when the frame sync sequence signal based on the real timing between global time reference and local time reference to distributing the network whether or not master or slave to find an offset between the global clock and the local clock to distributed and offset either master device or another devices (see paragraph [30, 40-41]).